information including schedules of events to subscribed members". In the mapping information device disclosed in the cited Delorme et al. reference, the data terminal which is a PDA (personal digital assistant) is designed to receive data from a desktop computer. The desktop computer is not the event data server of the present invention. The portion that the examiner indicated in the office action regarding the cited Delorme et al. reference at column 8, lines 35-45 read as follows:

> The "home-base" desktop personal computer system 105 and the detachable PDA communicate at 106 in FIG. 1A via plug-in wiring. The desktop/PDA interface 106 can be any means which facilitates data transfer including wireless infra-red, diverse kinds of wireless and other modems, and data transfer by various intermediate memory storage devices c.g. diskettes, PCMCIA cards and so forth. This communication interface between the portable PDA and home-base desktop facilitate transfer of a wide range of geographic data--including map, route, or point information--and other information.

In the above extract, the cited Delorme et al. reference does not show any idea of searching event data. What are listed in this description, i.e., "geographic data, including map, route, point information" are typical items found any navigation system. In other words, there is no notion of event shown in this cited reference. Further, the cited Delorme et al. reference shows that the PDA and the desktop computer communicate with one anther to transfer data. It is well known in the art that a PDA and a desktop computer communicate to transfer data such as addresses and telephone numbers. However, the desktop computer is not the event data server of the present invention. As defined in Claim 1, as amended, the event data server is a service provider for providing

event information including schedules of events to subscribed members. Such an idea of the present invention is shown nowhere in the cited reference.

As discussed above, the present invention is clearly differentiated from the Delorme et al. reference, and thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is no longer applicable to the present invention. Claims 2-6 are dependent upon Claim 1 and define the present invention with further specificities. Since the present invention of Claim 1 is distinguishable from the cited Delorme et al. reference, the present invention defined in Claims 2-6 are also patentable over the cited reference.

The Examiner rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the cited Delorme et al. reference and the cited Cao et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,004). The cited Cao et al. reference discloses a PDA combined with Global Positioning System (GPS) where the event information such as movies interrelates with the position information. However, as discussed above, there is a significant difference between the present invention and the cited Delorme et al. reference. Thus, the combination of the cited Cao et al. reference with the cited Delorme et al. reference will not make the present invention obvious, because none of the references shows an essential element, such as the event data server of the present invention. Therefore, Applicant believes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is no longer applicable to the present invention.

In this opportunity, Applicant has amended the specification to correct minor wording errors therein. This is to verify that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that Claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance, and accordingly Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(1) The paragraph from page 6, line 9 to page 6, line 13 has been amended as follows:

Figure 1A shows an event finder formed of a navigator and a radio transmitter. In the example of Figure 1A, the event finder includes a navigator display 22 and a navigator controller 24 and a radio transmitter 24. There are various databases and transmission methods available at preset or in the **[new]** near future. An example of such database includes information on movie, sports, news, weather and the like. An example of navigator includes a hand held GPS navigator, a portable vehicle navigator, a vehicle navigation system fixed to a vehicle, and the like.

(2) The paragraph from page 6, line 14 to page 6, line 31 has been amended as follows:

Figure 1B shows an event finder formed of a navigation system, a short distance radio transmitter such as a Bluetooth transceiver and a Bluetooth compatible cellular phone. The navigation system is comprised of a navigator display 22 and a navigator controller 24 with an event finder software. An example of short distance transmitter 26 includes a Bluetooth transmitter (transceiver), an IEEE 802.11b wireless LAN transmitter **[or]** and a HomeRF transmitter. The short distance wireless transmitter 26 is connected to the navigation system

and communicates with the cellular phone 28 to establish long distance radio communication. The cellular phone 28 is compatible with the Bluetooth or other radio communication protocol noted above.

(3) The paragraph from page 7, line 19 to page 7, line 31 has been amended as follows:

In this particular example, the user wants to watch a specific movie "X-Men" which is played various movie theaters. The event finder of the present invention will display theater information in balloon like illustrations as shown in Figure 2 on a **[load]** road map (not shown) or a list of movie theaters sorted by the distance from the current vehicle position or display a list of movie theaters sorted by the start time, or the like. The event finder may also show the arrival time and wait time with respect to the specified movie theater. When the user selects a movie theater that she wants to go, the event finder (navigation system) calculates the most effective route to the selected movie theater and guides the user to arrive the theater.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An event finder for finding event information, comprising:

a display;

a data terminal connected to the display for processing data based on a program;

a navigation system for determining a position of the data terminal and a position of a destination; and

a transceiver for receiving event data from a remote event data server through a communication system, where the event data server is a service provider for providing event information including schedules of events to subscribed members;

wherein the data terminal associates the event data from the event data server with position information from the navigation system and retrieves event information based on a search method specified by a user to display the retrieved event information on the display.

14. (Amended) A method for finding an event as defined in Claim 12, wherein the step of displaying the event locations further including a step of sorting the event locations by **[distances]** distance from **[a use's]** the current position of the user.

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